(b) A constant watch is kept on the production levels and stocks of foodgrains and efforts are made to have sufficient stocks of foodgrains in Central Pool to ensure adequate availability of foodgrains. Open sale of wheat and rice is undertaken to curb the inflationery trend in the market. Central issue prices of wheat and rice for PDS/RPDS have not been increased after 1.2.1994.

Committee on Agricultural Production

617. SHRI NITISH KUMAR.
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARJ :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have constituted an export committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan to give suggestions for increasing the agricultural production in the country:

(b) if so, the names of the other members of the said committee and details of their specialisation in the agriculture sector;

(c) whether the committee has started its work; and

(d) if so, the time by which the committee would submit its report to the Government and details of the other assignments entrusted to the committee inter-alia suggestion for increasing the agricultural production?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Names of other members of the Committee are indicated at statemnt attached.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of six months of the date of its constitution. As per terms of reference the Committee is to suggest ways and means for increasing productivity in the less productive areas, which *inter-alia* includes parameters for indentifying low agricultural producing areas, research and extension programmes, marketing of agricultural produce etc.

STATEMENT

Names of the Members of the Committee

1	Dr. Murili Manohar Joshi Member Lok Sabha	
2.	Shri Satrughan Prasad Singh Member Lok Sabha	
3.	Shri Chitta Basu Member Lok Sabha	
4.	Shri Mehboob Zahedi Member Lok Sabha	
5.	Shri Tariq Anwar Member Lok Sabha	
6.	Shri S. Ramachandra Reddy Member Lok Sabha	
7.	Shri Som Pal Member Rajya Sabha	
8.	Shri Parag Chaliha, Member Rajya Sabha	
9.	Shri Narendra Kumar Pradhan Member Rajya Sabha	
10.	Dr. Diwakar Jha (Agro-Econ.) DLF Qutub Enclave, Gurgaon, Haryana.	
11.	Shri Goripathi Narasimha Raju Yadav (Representative NGO) Gudur, Distt., Krishna (A.P.)	
12.	Dr. Atul Anjan (Representative) of Rural Interests) A-265, Pandara Road, New Delhi.	
13.	Dr. M.G.K. Menon	
14.	Shri J.N.L. Srivastava, Addl. Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation.	
15.	D.D.C. (Crops), ICAR.	
16.	Joint Secretary (Crops) Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation.	Member Secretary

Forest Land for Airport

618. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought permission for taking over about 1300 acres of land belonging to the Forest Department for the construction of the International Airport near Devanahalli, Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After examination of the proposal, certain essential details pertaining to item-wise work to be carried out over forest land, lay out plan, cost benefit analysis for the project etc. have been found lacking. The State Government has been requested to furnish the lacking details on 8.7.1996. In the absence of the complete details from the State Government the question of taking a final decision on the proposal does not arise.

Training to Women in Agriculture profession

619. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the kind of education/training imparted to women in rural areas in the matters of modern techniques of agriculture and other allied professions;